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Re: Muhammad vs. Faulk et al
*Plaintiff Defendants*Exhibit 1

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Arrest of witness

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A key prosecution witness has provided fodder for the defense in the homicide and arson case against Stephen E. Treiber and the witness intimidation case against Treiber's mother, Edith Treiber.

The lawyers for the Treibers said they will rely on the recent arrest of the witness, Paul Cooper, to try to stop the Erie County District Attorney's Office

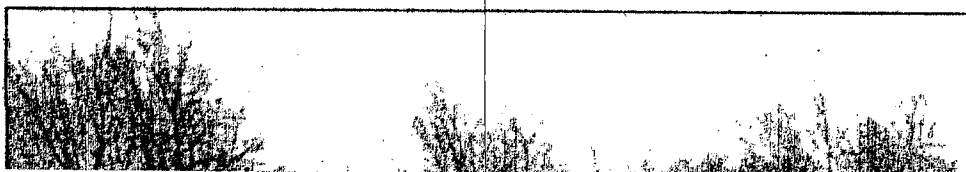
from calling Cooper to testify against the Treibers. Cooper faces charges that he broke into a house to frame a man in a drug case.

Cooper's absence would force the prosecution to dismiss six witness intimidation charges against Stephen Treiber, 32, and the entire case against Edith Treiber, 61, the lawyers said.

Stephen Treiber still would face trial on 14 other charges. He is charged with setting a fire a

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home question the legitimacy of the en-
daugh- tire case against Treiber.

"It is still a credibility issue for
elp the the jury," Lucas said.

"Tim District Attorney Brad Foulk
s attor- said he consented to Cooper's ar-
rest. "We are discussing his sta-
Office tus at the present time with oth-
whether er members of the prosecution
ess you team," Foulk said.

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ring up how Cooper's arrest might affect
Cooper the prosecution's case.

F's trial Cooper, 51, also known as
proper to Buwllus Muhammad, was jaited

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Dec. 28 on charges that he
broke into a Wallace Street
house and planted crack cocaine
to set up a man for a drug bust
in December. He said a woman
paid him \$150 in return.

Erie police charged Cooper
with burglary and tampering
with evidence after he admitted
to the burglary when he testified
for the defense at the prelimi-
nary hearing for the man ac-
cused of dealing drugs, accord-

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Speaking of the burglary
case, Cooper said he testified he
had no idea that cocaine was in
the bag a woman gave him to
plant in the house. He said the
police cannot substantiate the
charges that he burglarized the
house to set up the man. He said
the charges are false.

"The reason the charges are
false is I failed to prove them
with my own testimony," Coop-
er said.

Cooper was asked whether he
was telling the truth when he tes-
tified that he set up the man,
Tyshun Taylor, who is facing
drug charges.

"It is something the district at-
torney and I need to talk over,"
Cooper said.

Foult said he was present
when Cooper testified about
the burglary. He said Cooper's
arrest was justified.

"When I am made aware that
a witness has committed a

Cooper testified at a June
preliminary hearing that
Stephen Treiber approached
him at the Erie County Prison in
April about preventing a prose-
cution witness from testifying
Treiber said "he wanted the guy
totally taken out as soon as pos-
sible." Cooper testified.

Cooper said he cooperated
with the prosecution by wearing
a hidden microphone and
meeting with Edith Treiber in a
parking lot at Presque Isle
State Park in April. after Coop-
er had been released from
prison. Cooper testified that
Edith Treiber gave him \$60 to
cover "initial expenses," and
that she gave him a picture of the
prosecution witness, James R. Pi-
anta.

The Treibers are scheduled to
go to trial separately later this
year. Stephen Treiber could
face the death penalty if con-
victed of first-degree murder.

Stephen Treiber remains in
prison with no bond set. Trei-

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Defendants

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